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SUBJECT: TAIPEI CONFERENCE ON MAINLAND AFFAIRS

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1. USLO THOROUGHLY APPRECIATES POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL (C) CONCERNING BACKGROUND AND UNOFFICIAL NATURE OF USG PARTICIPATION IN TAIPEI CONFERENCE ON MAINLAND AFFAIRS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE NO DOUBTS THAT

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (IRR) IS A REPUTABLE ORGANIZATION.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS CONFERENCE, WHICH DUE TO ITS LOCATION IN TAIPEI MUST INEVITABLY INVOLVE ROC REPRESENTATION AS WELL AS U.S. PARTICIPANTS, COULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PRC. EVEN UNDER THE BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES SOME TOP PRC OFFICIALS MIGHT TAKE CONFERENCE AS EVIDENCE OF U.S. INSINCERITY ABOUT IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH PEKING, AND WOULD ALSO REGARD AS OFFENSIVE THE FACT THAT A CONFERENCE ON "MAINLAND AFFAIRS" WOULD BE HELD ON TAIWAN. UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, WHICH ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE UNDER WHICH FIRST IRR CONFERENCE HELD IN 1970, PUBLICITY ON CONFERENCE'S PROCEEDINGS ALMOST
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CERTAINLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING THROUGH ROC MEDIA AND OTHER

SOURCES FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF DRAWING PEKING'S ATTENTION
TO THIS AFFAIR.

3. MOREOVER, WE HAVE THE FEELING THAT SOME UNCERTAINTIES
PRESENTLY EXIST WITHIN TOP LEADERSHIP CIRCLES IN PEKING REGARDING
FUTURE POLICIES, INCLUDING DESIRABILITY OF IMPROVING
RELATIONS WITH U.S. IT IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE THAT
THIS IRR CONFERENCE, DESPITE ITS ACADEMIC AND NON-OFFICIAL
NATURE, COULD ADD NEW COMPLEXITIES TO POLITICAL INTER-
RELATIONSHIPS IN PEKING.

4. ACCORDINGLY, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT USG ROLE IN
CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. WE ALSO
BELIEVE THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION
OF SECRETARY KISSINGER PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN PEKING.
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